

**Central Coventry Fire District  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
June 26, 2012 – 7:00 pm  
240 Arnold Road**

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order – 7:08 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call**

**President: Girard Bouchard Jr.**

**Vice President: Joe Bonn**

**Directors: – Bob Crowe – Linda Giguere – Ronald Gizzarelli -Anna  
Mae Lapinski, Armond Niquette**

**Treasurer: Tom Lacolle**

**Tax Collector: Loraine Houle**

**Clerk: Christine Moniz**

**Chief : Robert W. Seltzer**

**Union President Dave Gorman**

**Also in attendance - members of the public**

**Not Present: Director Niquette, Director Giguere, Treasurer Tom  
Lacolle**

#### **4. Approval of Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting – 05/15/2012**

**Motion to accept the minutes with the changes – Director Gizzarelli  
Seconded by Director Lapinski  
All Vote Aye**

**The President held a moment of silence for Mr. Sheldon Seltzer.**

**5. Communications –a letter from Mr. Volpe who was involved in a serious accident that nearly took his life. He thanked the men of Central Coventry Fire District that came to his rescue. His recovery will be a long process but he is coming along.**

**6. Old Business – no old business**

**7. Presidents Report – I visited with Station #3 and Station #4 met with BC Murray and discussed his wants to put together some training devices. Sent a letter for support on our Charter Changes it did pass through the House and soon the Senate. The Governor did sign our Charter changes on the 12th and we have our official Annual Meeting in October.**

**Met with Captain Gorman twice and so far no issues between the union and the District.**

**Motion to Accept the Presidents report – motion made by V.P. Bonn  
Seconded by Director Lapinski  
All Vote Aye**

**8. Chiefs report – Lt. Mike Stevens is still out with a knee injury, Capt Hall is still out on illness and FF Peter Fratantuono and FF Ryan Garrahan is still out on injury.**

**The Hummel report featuring a story about Central Coventry Fire is on his website and you can view it under Archives and the title is “Merger”.**

**We are working with Superior Plus Energy Services negotiating a deal to purchase diesel fuel, and propane gas and heating oil at a reduce rate. The savings in diesel alone would be .50 cents per gallon. The company would provide us with a 500 gallon fuel tank and we would fuel our own vehicles at one of the stations.**

**The Chief ended his report thanking the Board of Directors and the Firefighters of the department for the support that he received during his recent loss of his father. The presence of an honor guard at my father’s service was impressive and received many compliments from**

those who attended.

The Chief also regretfully announced to the Board that he has accepted a position with the Town of Smithfield as Chief of the Smithfield Fire Department. Tentatively he will be starting with them on Monday, July 16th.

Motion to Accept the Chiefs report – motion made by Director Gizzarelli Seconded by Director Lapinski although it was with great reluctance

All Vote Aye

Director Gizzarelli discussed how we do not have a map that marks out the specific districts and he would like a copy of one so that he is not knocking on any doors that don't belong to our District. He has been advised that is something they worked on and if you have a question about what is our district you can call the tax office and they can look it up. The President is now working on a detailed map with Coventry Fire Department.

The Board and the members of the Central Coventry Fire District will deeply miss Chief Robert W. Seltzer and are truly sadden by his departure. Every one expressed their appreciation and wished the Chief good luck in his new position.

**9. Treasurer's Report - Tabled until next month due to his absence.**

**10. Tax Collector's Report – Mrs. Houle reported that all the reminder notices and agreement letters went out. She is getting positive feedback on the letters and the tax payers are grateful for the reminders. She also reported that we are doing very well in the collection on the back taxes owed and she went over the report with the Board. The Board stated she is doing an excellent job in the office.**

**ACTION ITEM Loraine Houle presented and action item for the Board to vote on where we give one quarter reprieve in paying interest on taxes. This falls under Title 44. Mrs. Houle explained to the Board on how this works and feels that it would be something we can use for any Tax Payer that has a hardship. It would be another way to work out a payment schedule without overwhelming the Tax Payer.**

**The Directors feel that this would be a great idea in helping out the Tax Payer and giving a break. Director Gizzarelli thinks it's a great tool to use to help out the Citizens in Central Coventry Fire District.**

**The Action Item will be approved with the stipulation that we follow the guidelines that was presented by the Tax Collector that is**

**stipulated in Title 44 section 44-5-8.1.**

**Motion to approve Action Item on Title 44 Motion made by Director Crowe and Seconded by Director Lapinski**

**All Vote Aye**

**Motion to Accept the Tax Collectors Report – motion made by Director Crowe Seconded by Director Gizzarelli**

**All Vote Aye**

**11. New Business – none**

**12. Introduction of new business- none**

**13. Good and Welfare – The President wanted to just say to our Chief Seltzer that we will miss him and the Central Coventry Fire District is losing an outstanding leader. The Town of Coventry is losing a great person.**

**14. Public Comment – there were some questions asked by the public and the Board discussed the issues and answered the questions.**

**15. Motion made to convene into executive session 8:25 p.m. The**

**Vice President Joe Bonn made a motion to go into session by voice vote seconded by Director Lapinski. A roll call vote was taken and Directors Crowe, Lapinski, Gizzarelli, Vice President Joe Bonn and President Bouchard voted aye to move into executive session at 8:25 p.m.**

**16. Motion made to return to open session and seal the minutes of the Executive session at 9:30 p.m. Motion made by Director Lapinski and Seconded by VP Bonn  
All voted Aye**

**16. Motion made to seal the executive session minutes at 9:31 p.m. Motion made by Director Lapinski and Seconded by VP Bonn  
All voted Aye**

**17. Motion made to adjourn at 9:32 by Director Lapinski and Seconded by VP Bonn**

**All Vote Aye**